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Province Supports Community Development In Chapleau - #970058

McGuinty Government On The Side Of Northerners

SUDBURY - The McGuinty government is supporting community development in Chapleau by investing in a business plan for the establishment of a bio-energy processing facility, Minister of Northern Development and Mines Rick Bartolucci announced today.

"We are on the side of northerners. That's why we are supporting our northern communities as they explore the development of new local industries," said Bartolucci. "Economically diverse communities are an important part of building a prosperous northern economy."

The Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) is providing the Township of Chapleau with $47,500 to complete a business plan for the possible establishment of a bio-energy processing facility. This phase of the project will include market and feasibility studies, plus an engineering analysis that will help determine the suitability of Chapleau as a location.

"Developing initiatives such as this will help make the North a more economically diverse place in which to do business and prosper," said Bartolucci, who also chairs the NOHFC. "The McGuinty government is committed to helping northern communities tap into the array of economic opportunities that are available here in the North."

Other McGuinty government initiatives in support of northern communities include:

- The GO North Investor Program, which markets Northern Ontario investment opportunities to international investors around the world
- A $357-million investment this year in the rehabilitation and expansion of the northern highway network
- Investing more than $33 million in upgrades to drinking water systems to ensure quality drinking water across Northern Ontario.

These initiatives are part of the government's Northern Prosperity Plan. It has four pillars: Strengthening the North and its Communities; Listening to and Serving Northerners Better; Competing Globally; and Providing Opportunities for All.

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